committee amendments, as I opened prior to the amendment to the amendments and you now have in front of you, amendments to LB 898, listing the three Exec Board districts and the various districts and current membership that would fall into those As you will note, districts following enactment. 50-401.01 describes the breakdown of the Legislature, in statute, with respect to the Exec Board districts. Because of LB 614's realignment, last year, there was a need to reestablish and recodify, within the statutes, the very specific districts that fall under those three categories. In order to accomplish this, the committee's decision was to alter, with minimal change as one could have, relative to those three districts, and that was what we presented to you. As you can see, District 21 is now in the 1st District, District 39, which will be a new district, will be in the 2nd District, and then District 33, which is served by Senator Bohlke, which was in the 1st District, has moved over to the 3rd District. And, other than that, they are left unchanged. So that is the committee amendment to LB 898.

SFEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing on the committee amendments to LB 898. We will now vote on the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. We will now go to the bill as amended. Senator Warner.

Mr. President, members of the Legislature, SENATOR WARNER: the...LB 898 was to make the statutes consistent as far as the advis...as the Director of Research to be consistent with those other sections of the Legislature, or the head of the section would be selected by the Exec Board. This would make it apply to the Director of Research as is true of the Fiscal Office. The Clerk, of course, is constitutionally selected by the body as a whole, and the Ombudsman has a standing statute which does have approval of the Legislature. But the other divisions within the Legislature would be able to select, hire and fire, in effect, by the Exec Board, removing the conflict that...at least the...and clarity that we came across at one point. move that the bill be advanced. Oh, Mr. President, I should comment the, just for general information, why the Chairman of the Exec Board is on the Executive Board, as I recall, that was